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In re Patent Application of:

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO MAY 3, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the May 3, 2006 Office Action, the period for response to which extends until August 3, 2006, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and reconsider the pending rejection in view of the below response.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2,

**Amendments to the Abstract** being on page 7,

**Amendment to the Specification** begin on page 8, and

**Remarks** begin on page 11.